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THIS IS A JOINT COMUSKOREA/EMBASSY MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MASS, KS
SUBJECT: POTENTIAL ROK SALE OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION

1. ROK MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED
USG APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING POTENTIAL ROK SALES OF WEAPONS AND
AMMUNITION:

ITEM	END USER	ESTIMATED QUANTITY
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FUZE, PD M557 0.05 SEC DELAY	CHILE	14,100
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W/BOOSTER M125A1 (FOR MORTAR AND ARTILLERY SHELLS)

CARTRIDGE, 60MM HE	BANGLADESH	40,000
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CARTRIDGE, 81MM HE	BANGLADESH	20,000
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106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE	GREECE	100
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81MM MORTAR	MOROCCO	200
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2. SUBJECT ITEMS ARE BEING PRODUCED IN ROK FOR INDIGENOUS
USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREEMENT WITH U.S.

3. PRIOR EXPORT AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED BY USG FOR 81MM
MORTAR FOR CAMEROON AND THAILAND.

4. RECOGNIZE THAT PROVISIONS OF SECTION 406(A)(2), TITLE IV,
OF THE ARMS CONTROL AND EXPORT ACT, AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS
CONCERNING OTHER COUNTRIES MENTIONED, ABOUT WHICH WE ARE NOT
FULLY INFORMED, MAY AFFECT DECISION ON ANY OR ALL OF PROPOSED
SALES. ROKG RECOGNIZES THAT FINAL USG APPROVAL REQUIRES
CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION. HOWEVER, WISH TO OFFER FOLLOWING
COMMENTS: (1) THE PROPOSED SALES WOULD TOTAL ABOUT \$4.3 MILLION
AND WOULD BE OF SIGNIFICANT BENEFIT TO DEVELOPMENT OF ROK
DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN NON-SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS PRODUCTION.
(B) INCREASED QUANTITY PRODUCTION WOULD REDUCE UNIT COST OF
ITEMS FOR ROK USE. (C) SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THESE TRANSACTIONS
SHOULD HELP ROK RELATIONS WITH THE PROSPECTIVE BUYERS WHOSE
SUPPORT ROK COULD WELL USE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA.

5. IN VIEW OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS WE RECOMMEND REQUEST BE GIVEN
FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. REQUEST EARLIEST
POSSIBLE INTERIM REPLY, MOREOVER, TO ENABLE US TO KEEP ROKG
INFORMED OF PROSPECTS.
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